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A. Kathryn Power is the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA). CMHS provides national leadership in improving mental health services for all Americans. As Director, Ms. Power leads the SAMHSA/CMHS staff in addressing the 21st century challenges and opportunities presented to the Nation's system of quality mental health care and is responsible for facilitating the transformation change called for in the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health Report Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America.

Prior to her appointment as CMHS Director, A. Kathryn Power served for over 10 years as the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals, a Cabinet position reporting to the Governor, responsible for four systems of care serving individuals with serious disabilities: mental illnesses, substance abuse and addiction, developmental disabilities and long-term medical needs. The department had an annual budget of over \$480M and over 2,000 employees. She had previously directed the Rhode Island Office of Substance Abuse, the Governor's Drug Program and the Rhode Island Anti-Drug Coalition.

From 1985 to 1990, Ms. Power served as Executive Director of the Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Centers. Earlier experience includes teaching at both elementary and secondary levels, counseling, leadership and advocacy in rape crisis and domestic violence agencies, and computer systems analysis for the Department of Defense.

She has served as President of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) and has received many distinguished service awards for her work in mental health, substance abuse and civic leadership. Ms Power has been recognized locally and nationally for her advocacy work on behalf of people with disabilities. In addition, she has served on the boards of directors of over 100 non-profit agencies, commissions and task forces in both the public and private sectors.

Ms. Power received her bachelor's degree (B.A.) in education from St. Joseph's College in Maryland, and her master's degree in education and counseling (M.Ed.) from Western Maryland College. She is a graduate of the Toll Fellowship program of the Council of State Governments, which promotes the development of tomorrow's State leaders through intensive sessions in policy, management, and other issues. She completed the programs in executive administration and the Women and Power courses at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She has extensive training and teaching experience in leadership, ethics and the public sector, policy development and program implementation.

Ms. Power is currently a Captain serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Frances L. Randolph, Dr.P.H.

Dr. Randolph was recently made Director of the Division of Services and Systems Improvement in the Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA. In this capacity she oversees the Community Support Programs Branch, the Children, Adolescence and Families Branch and the Homeless Programs Branch. Prior to becoming the Division Director, Dr. Randolph was the Chief of the Homeless Programs Branch. Dr. Randolph has also worked for the Center for Mental Health Services' Community Support Program where she was a project officer of federally-funded community-based services for people with serious mental illness. Previous to her Federal career, Dr. Randolph also worked at: the National Association for State Mental Health Program Directors where she provided technical assistance on co-occurring disorders to state mental health authorities; the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University where she conducted a national survey on housing for persons with serious mental illness and a study on transitioning psychiatric patients into the community; and Hawaii's Department of Mental Health where she did mental health policy studies. She has done research on housing and residential service needs for persons with mental illnesses, on the community-based service needs of elderly persons with mental illness and on outcome measures in services research. In addition, Dr. Randolph has been an evaluation consultant and has conducted evaluation seminars for the International Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services and for the Federal government. She has numerous publications. Dr. Randolph received her masters and doctorate from the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley.